

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims is set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 4, and 5, and ADD new claims 14-15 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A console unit, comprising:
a ~~substrate extending along a virtual plane;~~
a support member extending ~~rearward~~ from a front end to a rear end of the console unit
and defining a surface receiving and supporting the ~~a~~ substrate thereon; and
a console rotatably connected to the front end of the support member for ~~relative~~ rotation ~~around~~ relative to the support member about a rotation axis ~~intersecting the virtual~~ transverse to a plane parallel to the surface which receives and supports the substrate, the console being electrically connected to a conductive element on the substrate.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The console unit according to claim 1, wherein a connector is attached to ~~a~~ the rear end of the support member, the connector protruding ~~rearward~~ rearwardly from the rear end of the support member ~~along the virtual plane~~.
3. (ORIGINAL) The console unit according to claim 2, wherein the connector is mounted on the substrate.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus, comprising:
an enclosure;
a substrate extending ~~along a virtual plane~~ disposed within the enclosure;
a support member ~~extending rearward~~ from a front end to a rear end of the enclosure, the front end being connected to the enclosure, and the support member defining a surface receiving the substrate; and
a console rotatably connected to the front end of the support member for ~~relative~~ rotation relative to the support member ~~around~~ about a rotation axis ~~intersecting the virtual plane~~, transverse to a plane parallel to the surface of the support member, the console being electrically connected to a conductive element on the substrate.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electronic apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

a connection board disposed in the enclosure ~~in an attitude intersecting the virtual plane~~
so that to stand on an internal surface of the enclosure;

a first connector located on the connection board; and

a second connector located on the substrate for connection to the first connector.

6. (ORIGINAL) The electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the enclosure defines an inner space extending from an opening formed in the enclosure toward the connection board.

7. (ORIGINAL) The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, wherein storage device units are incorporated within the space, the storage device units being connected to the connection board and arranged in parallel with one another.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An operation button unit₁ comprising:
a plate member;
an operation button spaced from a surface of the plate member;
a thrust member connected to the operation button, the thrust member penetrating through a bore defined in the plate member; and
an elastic transformable member continuous with the plate member and the operation button based on integral formation.

9. (ORIGINAL) The operation button unit according to claim 8, further comprising a protrusion protruding from the surface of the plate member.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An operation button assembly₁ comprising:
a housing;
a plate member spaced from an inner surface of the housing by a predetermined distance;
an operation button spaced from a surface of the plate member and received in an opening defined in the housing;
a thrust member connected to the operation button, the thrust member penetrating through a bore defined in the plate member;

an elastic transformable member continuous with the plate member and the operation button based on integral formation;

a backing member contacting a back surface of the plate member so as to hold the plate member against the housing; and

a through hole defined in the backing member and receiving the thrust member.

11. (ORIGINAL) The operation button assembly according to claim 10, wherein the backing member is detachably attached to the housing.

12. (ORIGINAL) The operation button assembly according to claim 10, wherein a protrusion is integrally formed on the surface of the plate member so as to protrude from the surface of the plate member.

13. (ORIGINAL) The operation button assembly according to claim 12, wherein the backing member is detachably attached to the housing.

14. (NEW) A console unit, comprising:

a support member having a generally rectangular body including a support surface extending longitudinally from a front end to a rear end of the console unit;

a substrate disposed on and supported by the support surface;

a console member connected to the front end of the support member for rotation relative to the support member around a rotation axis transverse to the support surface; and

an electrical connector mounted on the substrate at the rear end of the support member, the console being electrically connected to the electrical connector.

15. (NEW) The console according to claim 14, wherein the electrical connector protrudes rearwardly from the rear end of the support member, parallel to the planar surface of the support surface.